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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sugio MAKISHIMA	Allowed: June 11, 2009
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For: MOBILE CAMERA PHONE WITH ADJUSTABLE FOCAL LENGTH	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated June 11, 2009. The Examiner's Statement does not distinguish between the features of independent claims 15 and 27, and instead addresses the features of claims 15 and 27 together. Applicant submits that claims 15 and 27 are individually patentable based on their respective recitations.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause

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substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application.”

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated June 11, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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